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ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**April 23, 2018** 

## Seven to receive meritorious recognition

Staff Reports

Seven faculty and staff members will receive Itawamba Community College's highest award during a dinner in their honor tonight.

The 2018 meritorious award winners include Janet Armour, director of learning resources; Adam Gore, director of sports information/media relations, both in the professional/administrative category; Tilda Bouchillon, administrative assistant to the executive director of community relations; Jeff Roberts, PC and network technician, both in the support staff category; and Billy **Carson**, director of the hospitality management program; Chris Stevenson, chair of the social science division and history instructor; and Jessi public Stevenson, speaking instructor, all in the faculty category.

Of the three faculty selected, one will be announced as the dinner as

the recipient of the John and Beth Cleveland Excellence Award.

The Clevelands, who are Fulton natives and residents of Kingwood, Tex., will present the prestigious award, for which the criteria are full-time faculty; outstanding teaching, coachguidance; unselfish dedication to students and the College.

Additional consideration may be given to publications, grant writing; club and student activities involvement; contributions to the College through committees, speprojects, volunteerism, etc.; service to the community as a representative of the College and art exhibitions, concerts and public perform-

The dinner will be at 6 p.m. in the banquet rooms of the David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus.





Above, Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Sigma chapter co-advisor Robin Lowe hugs Karla Morales, All-Mississippi second team honoree during **ICC's Evening of Celebration: Honoring Academic Excel**lence Across the Curriculum. Left, Dr. Cass Patrick presents the Fine Arts Division award to Brett Causey.

## **HIGHEST HONORS**

**Evening of Celebration** recognizes ICC's top scholars

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## Reception to honor retirees

**ALLISON CLAYTON** 

Staff Writer

Several members of ICC's faculty and staff will retire this year, according to Tim Senter, executive director of human resources.

Among the retirees are Joe Williams, division chair and instrucfor business administration; Kevin Doler, TIS technician; Jennie Cates, administrative assistant to the vice president of student services; Stephen Banes, lead eLearning instructor for agriculture; Karen Davis, voice instructor, choir and CenterStage director; Weatherford, San groundskeeper; Dave Aymar, director of transportation; Rozella Pascheall, custodian; Creig Sherrer, division chair for natural science; and Dr. Mary Walden, associate degree nursing instructor.

Williams, Cates, Doler Pascheall will be among those who will receive special recognition for ICC employment for more than 25 years.

A celebration is scheduled for May 1 from 2-4 p.m. in the David C. Cole Student Services Building.

## President joins 14 college leaders in successful appropriation

### **ASHTON MARTIN**

Staff Writer

Many ICC students might not know that President Jay Allen plays a role in the budget appropriation for state community and junior colleges.

Not only does he serve as a lobbyist along with the other 14 presidents, but he was at the Capitol on conference weekend for the legislature, when much action would take place on items impacting Mississippi's two-year institutions. He was there into the evening on Friday night, 11 hours on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening until 9 p.m.

On Monday he witnessed the final vote in the Senate on the community college appropriation bill.

Allen said that this year's appropriation favored the community colleges since the budget remains unchanged



ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, far right, visits with, from left, members of the state legislature, Sen. Chad McMahan, Rep. Steve Holland and Rep. Jerry Turner, during a legislative event earlier this year in Jackson.

from last year rather than being cut. In addition, numerous bills focused on improving the colleges.

Allen said that during the legislative process, he and the other presidents meet with the state legislators to answer questions about the state of their institutions, how much funding is necessary and what bills they should support.

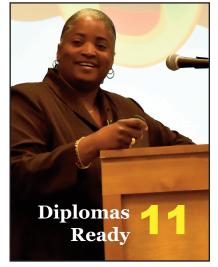
This year, ICC received level funding, which means the College obtained the same funding as last year. However, Allen said there will be an additional \$180,000 for increases to health insurance that will begin in January. "This is very positive since we were coming off of last year's appropriation cuts of 10 percent or more, and we started the legislative session with a proposed two percent cut."

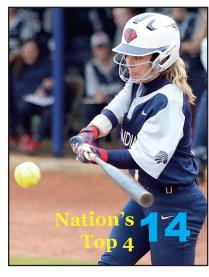
In addition, ICC received \$1.8 million in bond funding, which Allen said, will be sued for general repairs that will take place this summer. A roof bill requires the roofs of college buildings to be inspected every three years. - See Appropriation, page four.



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# Home Sweet

## Home

This is my last semester as an ICC student. That statement is extremely bittersweet. I am leaving a place that I have called home for the last two years. I will be attending the University of Mississippi in the fall, and I will continue my educational career. ICC will be in my rearview mirror, and that saddens me. This institution has been so incredibly welcoming, and I have embraced it wholeheartedly.

With a college like ICC, I have been given a chance to excel in all areas of my life. My academic standing has been phenomenal thanks to the dedicated faculty from whom I get to learn every day. My social life grew tenfold from what it was in high school. I had the chance to meet so many



Madison Nanney Commentary

new people in my time here, and they are friends that I truly believe will be with me for the rest of my days.

Not only did my life improve as I attended ICC, but the involvement opportunities given to me have made it possible for me to comfortably transition to a university. I know that ICC has prepared me well beyond what was expected of it. And I know that every student at ICC has the resources and possibilities it takes to have the most amazing college ife. We have the best of the best here at ICC.

When I was first attending college, I had some trepidations. I wasn't sure if I would like it. I was scared that people weren't going to like me. I had a fear of failing classes that I thought would be particularly difficult. I didn't know if there would even be anything in which I could be involved. But within the first few days, my uneasiness was soothed.

My very first class was Writing for Publications with Keith Morris. I remember sitting in the classroom and waiting for my first-ever college instructor to walk in. When he did, he greeted us as if we were not starting the next phase of our life. And that was the best thing that any instructor could do. My anxiety melted, and that class become one of my most favorite. With instructors like Mr. Morris, my semesters have been so enjoyable. I have genuinely loved every minute, even those spent in 8 a.m. lectures.

With every experience I've been blessed with at ICC, I've discovered who I am. I've cried at musicals in Theatre Appreciation, laughed heartily with my peers in our Honors Forum classes, and even enjoyed the nights I spent marching on Eaton Field. The faces and names of the people of ICC have been engraved in my mind, and I will never forget what they mean to me.

Even though this is my last semester as an ICC Indian, I will forever remember the Chop, my time as an RA and the immense honor of being named Miss ICC. If I had been asked on that first day of college to map out what the perfect college experience would be, whatever I could have imagined would not have come close to touching what I've been given. I had no idea that ICC would become one of my favorite places in the world, but it has. It has become my home, and I look forward to returning one day to see how much it has improved. It warms my heart to envision the happiness it will continue to instill in others. To me and others who love this institution, ICC will always be "home, sweet home."

# College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

Final exams for eLearning full-term classes through Apr. 27; Meritorious Awards dinner, Banquet Rooms, Fulton, 6 p.m.

23

27

Last day to drop traditional full-term day and evening classes



Easter Holiday

30

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Final exams begin; continue through May 8.

Commencement A-L, 11 a.m. M-Z, 3 p.m. 12

For up-to-date information, www.iccms.edu



#### TRADITIONAL DAY CLASSES

B/BB	8-10:15 a.m.	Thurs.	May 3
K	10:30-12:45	Thurs.	May 3
L	1-3:15	Thurs.	May 3
H	3:30-5:45	Thurs.	May 3
C/CC	8-10:15	Fri.	May 4
M	10:30-12:45	Fri.	May 4
O	1-3:15	Fri.	May 4
A/AA	8-10:15	Mon.	May 7
E/DD	10:30-12:45	Mon.	May 7
N	1-3:15	Mon.	May 7
D	8-10:15	Tues.	May 8
F	10:30-12:45	Tues.	May 8
G/EE	1-3:15	Tues.	May 8

#### **AFTER WORK - EVENING CLASSES**

I/J - 3:35-5:45	6-8:40	Tues.	May 1
P/Q - 3:35-5:45	6-8:40	Wed.	May 2
Tue.	6-8:40	Tues.	May 1
Wed.	6-8:40	Wed.	May 2
Thurs.	6-8:40	Thurs.	May 3
Mon.	6-8:40	Mon.	May 7

- Staff Reports -

# April gives hope for summer

Summer's breeze, birds singing, flowers blooming and hot weather.

Those are the things I look forward to at the end of the school year. This year is no exception. School is almost over, and I can't wait for summer!

At the beginning of April, I start to feel better about everything. There's less than a **month** of school left,and that is the best thing I can ever imagine hearing. I can see summer break from a mile away, even though we've had winter weather recently. I'm just so ready for summer!

I have been looking forward to the end of the school year since the very first day of the fall semester. I know that I have to get through final exams, but

that won't deter me from daydreaming about summer.

After my last final examination is turned in, I am going straight home and sleep for a week...just to get my mind back on track.

I can already imagine waking up at noon and not having to worry about going to class. I



Roderick Edwards Commentary

can sleep ALL day and do what I want, for a few days anyway.

I know that many people have already planned

trips for the summer, parties to attend or even just decided to relax at home all day and watch Netflix.

That's fine because I am going to be doing all of that.

Some have summer jobs, and that's okay, too, because they provide a break from the stress of tests and note-taking and studying and such. Summer jobs also help you get your finances in order for the fall.

Jobs are available because many employers hire workers for the summer.

We need a break from all of that school work we have done since last August. I know that I'm tired of writing all of those essays and studying for every class.

Summer is just an escape from all of the stress of college. It provides an opportunity to finally have a social life.

Most importantly, it allows us all to grow in every aspect of our lives. It provides new opportunities to expand our horizons. It gives us time to let our minds rest and be recharged for the fall.

In the blink of an eye, August and the fall semester will be here...and once again, we'll count the days until the next summer.

# LETTERS To the Editor

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## Chieftain

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## CROSS CAMPUS



## Jolene Hoots Foreign Languages

JAMIE SMITH

Staff Writer

**EDUCATION:** Associate of Arts, ICC; Bachelor of Arts, University of Mississippi; Master of Arts, Mississippi State University

**COURSES TAUGHT:** Spanish and French



**EXPERIENCE:** 30 years of teaching: 15 at Saltillo High School; one year, Amory High School; member of the ICC faculty since 2004. Serve as adviser of the Modern Foreign Language Club and one of the advisors of the Upsilon Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

Jolene Hoots

#### POSITIVES OF TEACH-

ING: "It is extremely rewarding to teach a student to communicate in a foreign language. Most students enter the foreign language classroom with no prior knowledge of the language. I can monitor my students' progress and actually see the results as they go from learning simple vocabulary to expressing themselves in conversation and writing. Furthermore, I enjoy mentoring students and watching them develop their leadership skills through various Phi Theta Kappa activities and projects."

**NEGATIVES OF TEACHING:** "I do not like the idea of using a grading system to prove the knowledge of language acquisition. Language learning involves much more than conjugating verbs and choosing correct vocabulary to express an idea."

**ADVICE TO STUDENTS:** "Do not assume that the learning process ends when you graduate from college. We are all students each day of our lives. Look for opportunities to acquire new knowledge each day. Be a lifelong learner."

# ICC Board addresses '19 budget

Staff Reports

As ICC prepares for the FY '19 budget, its Board of Trustees has taken several actions, according to President Jay Allen.

## Allen. COURSE MATERIALS

In an effort to lower the cost of books and materials, ICC will implement a course materials fee on some courses. "This will typically replace the book cost for that course, and in most cases be significantly cheaper than the book the student usually purchased. This will allow us to move this fall to e-books and/or open source materials in what will be a growing number of courses." He said that ICC students can purchase the latest Apple iPad in the college bookstore "at a great price. This is a tremendous step forward for our institution."

#### FEES

In addition, the Board also approved reducing the E-Learning fee from \$15 to \$10 per credit hour on those courses and adding a technology fee of \$5 per credit hour for all courses. The technology fee will max out at \$60 for any student enrolled in 12 or more hours. Allen said that there will also be a new program fee for high-cost, highdemand programs of \$100 or more per semester. "This will include most nursing and allied health programs and a few technical programs."

#### ... TUITION

In other Board action, tuition will increase \$100 per semester for full-time students, Allen said. "This will bring our in-state full-time tuition to \$1,450, which is still one of the lowest in the state." In addition, parttime tuition will increase for in-state students to \$140 per credit hour." Institutional scholarships will increase to cover the raised tuition fee.



ICC's recipients of awards during the honors ceremony wait to be seated.

# ICC honors top scholars during Evening of Celebration

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's top scholars were honored during An Evening of Celebration: Honoring Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum, Apr. 10, at the Fulton Campus.

#### **CAREER AND TECHNICAL**

Career and technical program included honorees William Beasley, Automotive Technology; Charles West, Collision Repair Technology; Collin Hamric, Computer Networking Technology; Robert Lampkin, Computer Programming Technology; Martin Morgan, Diesel Equipment Technology; Cheyenne Schrock, Early Childhood Education Technology; Cody Taylor, Electrical Technol-Kristen Bunch, Cromwell, Forestry Technology; Carl Wallace, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; Tyler Gray, Industrial Maintenance Technology; Santana Scales, Law Enforcement Technology; Ashton Dean, Marketing Management Technology; Faith Ohlinger, Paralegal Technology; Grant Hartley, Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology; and Zach Swain, Welding and Cutting Technology.

#### ,. HEALTH SCIENCE

Those who received health science program awards are Mason

Caldwell, Emma Dabbs, Associate Degree Nursing; Persephone Triplett, Emergency Medical Services; Rita Lorrigan, Health Information Technology; Kim-



Dr. Michelle Sumerel presents the rationale for selection of the scholars.

berly Monteith, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Molly Crawford, Physical Therapist Assistant; Farrah Jones, Practical Nursing; Marcia Spratlin, Public Health Technology; Katelyn Hughes, Radiologic Technology; Sarah Maxey, Respiratory Care Technology; and Sommer Huguley, Surgical Technology.

#### ACADEMIC

Academic program honorees included Cori Childs, Accounting and Business Administration Division; Russell Applewhite, Economics; Madeline Burdine, English; Madison Nanney, Journalism; Jamie Smith, Modern Foreign Language; Eddie Caveness, Computer Science; Jordan Clark, Computer Science Division; Rebecca Owens, Sarah Roper, Art; Anna Adams, Music; Michael Childers, Public Speaking; Brett Causey, Fine Arts Division; Olivia Thompson, Health, Physical Education, Recreation; Tyler Hendrix, Health Physical Education, Recreation Division; William Evans, Mathematics; Summer Dill, Mathematics Division; Karoline Jaggars, Biology; Jenna Hull, Chemistry; Hunter Holley, Physics; Andrew Ford, Natural Science Division; Judy Henson, Criminal Justice; Mary Graham, History; Cory Henderson, Political Science; Megan Schrock, Psychology; and Katrina Wilson, Sociology, Social Science

## Division. ALL-MISSISSIPPI ACADEMIC TEAM

Additional honorees were the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Team, Hunter Holley, first and Coca-Cola Silver Scholar; Fields Ferguson, second and Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar; and Karla Morales, Lillian Salem, second team.

# Paralegal EDU rates ICC program as top recommendation

Staff Reports

Paralegal EDU has named ICC's Paralegal program as its top recommendation for students in Mississippi.

After reviewing hundreds of programs available at accredited schools, Paralegal EDU determined that ICC's program deserved to be recognized among the best of the best, according to Sean Reed, senior editor for Paralegal EDU.

"Mississippi's best in paralegal studies can be found at Itawamba Community College, which offers the AAS in Paralegal Technology, a two-year degree designed to prepare paralegals in a number of areas, including legal research, civil litigation, family law and more," according to Paralegal EDU. "This fully-online program is just one of Itawamba's career

and technical programs that are designed to prepare students to enter the job market as competent and qualified professionals. We also love that this program includes an internship designed to round out your education and pre-



pare you to serve as a competent and reliable member of the legal team."

Paralegal EDU noted that the associate's degree has emerged as the go-to option when it comes to educational preparation for a paralegal career. "Standards bearers from the ABA (American Bar Association) to professional certification organizations like NALA (National Association of Legal As-

sistants) and NFPA (National Federation of Paralegal Associations) have all gone on record with official recommendations in support of 60-credits of college coursework, the equivalent of a two-year degree program, being the standard minimum."

Reed said that the resources were created to help prospective students find the programs Paralegal EDU feels "really deserve their attention and that we can feel 100 percent confident about recommending."

"We are pleased to receive this acknowledgement by Paralegal EDU," said program director Jamie Hall.

For more information on ICC's Paralegal Technology program, contact Hall at (662) 620-5342 or email jmhall@iccms.edu.

## Finish the semester strong!

# PTK Project Graduation to benefit ICC's food pantry

#### **BRITTNEY LAWRENCE**

Staff Writer

The annual Project Graduation, which is underway until May 1, is a great way to give back to the community and college.

ICC's Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa organizes the event, which provides an opportunity for all students, faculty and staff to donate food items, which will go to ICC's new food pantry in the Crubaugh Technical Education Building, according to co-advisor Robin Lowe.

Food items needed include Ramen Noodles, peanut butter, jelly, granola/breakfast bars, Pop-Tarts, canned stews, chili, tuna, cereal (individual cereals), soup, crackers, mac and cheese (individual), rice (individual), ap-

## ICC now offers Hospitality Management

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is offering a new online program in Hospitality Management.

The program provides specialized occupational instruction in all phases of hotel and restaurant management to prepare students for careers as managers and supervisors in the hotel and restaurant industry, according to Billy Carson, director.

In discussing ICC's program, Carson quoted one of Tupelo's top restaurant owners, "We see this as a win-win for our region. Potential students can receive the training that we need for employment, and our current staff can work toward a better position. The fact that this program is online is key because many potential hospitality students have 24/7 jobs and need 24/7 access to the courses."

Students can earn a 30-hour Career Certificate, a 45-hour Technical Certificate or a 60-hour Associate of Applied Science degree. Graduates are eligible to obtain ManageFirst Certification from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, certifications from the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Lodging Association in Specialized Food and Beverage Management and/or Hospitality Operations and ServSafe® Sanitation certification the National from Restaurant Association.

"This program can open many opportunities for the employees in this profession," Carson said. When comparing salaries in Northeast Mississippi in the hospitality industry according to www.careeronestop.org, first-line supervisors in the food service industry can expect to earn up to \$45,930 annually; food service managers, up to \$74,340; and lodging managers, up to \$72,600.

For more information, contact Carson at (662) 620-5397.

## **Appropriation** *from page one.*

Allen said that the legislature also passed Senate Bill 2194, which allows the Department of Revenue to garnish State income tax returns from Mississippi residents who have an outstanding bill at a Mississippi community college. Currently \$1.4 million is owed to ICC by former students.

Additional legislation included a 25-year loan repayment bill which allows the colleges to issue bonds for up to 25 years instead of the current 15 years.

Allen said that among the bills that died included the Mississippi Works Career-Tech Scholars Program, which would have allowed adults who enroll in career and technical education programs to continue work toward or obtain a degree at a greatly reduced rate.

Although the session has concluded, Allen said, "Students and staff should make sure to thank our local legislators. They've been very supportive to help us receive funding, and their help has been very appreciated."

Congratulations, Class of 2018!



plesauce, Jello (individual) and popcorn.

Hygiene items including shampoo, bars of soap, deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste may also be donated.

Project Graduation is designed for current ICC students to establish a legacy for incoming students, according to Lowe. The typical donation range is between 2,200 and 4,300 donated items, which is the target goal.

Donated items may be dropped off in the Technical Education building (Dr. Bronson Prochaska), Academic building (Heather McCormick) or Humanities Building (Robin Lowe, Jolene Hoots, Jay Humphries).

Address questions to rlowe@iccms.edu.



**Taste of ICC** 

ICC faculty, staff and students had an opportunity to sample the best cooking of members of the Fulton Campus Faculty Association during its annual Taste of ICC event, Apr. 5, in the banquet rooms of the David C. Cole Student Services Building. Dishes were prepared by ICC's faculty and staff to raise money for its association as well as for the ICC Foundation, Inc. Participants paid \$5 for five samples.

## Looking for a job? Attend expo tomorrow

Staff Reports

Are you graduating next month and heading straight into the workforce? Are you looking for a part-time job for the summer or fall?

If you answered 'yes' to either question, you are invited to attend Connect Career Expo tomorrow (Tuesday) from 1-6 p.m. at the Tupelo Furniture Market Building V.

Approximately 40 employers who would like to hire high school seniors and community college students will be available.

Participants should bring their own devices laptop, Macbook, iPad, etc. - to apply for jobs. In addition, they should bring resumes and dress appropriately for a job interview.

To be eligible for door prizes, online registration at connectcareerexpo.com is required. Four sets of Beats by Dre will be given, and winners must be present.

Coffee from Strange Brew and juice from Juva will be available, and the first 500 students will receive drink coupons. In addition, Chick-fil-a gift cards will be given away.



## **Meeting Room CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR**

#### **FULTON CAMPUS**

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Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Jason Campbell	862.8357
Book Club	Holly Gray	862.8381
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Commun. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Science	Delores Tull	862.8138
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden-Jones	862-8147
Fut. Ed. of Amer.	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Gospel Sounds	Carrie Ball-Williamson	862.8123
Indian Delegation	Emily Tucker	862.8253
LIN Report	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Mirror	Nina Strother	862.8242
Modern Language	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
Phi Theta Kappa	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
	Lynn Millender	862.8462
Science	Jennifer Cooper	862.8368
	Carrie Boykin	862.8793
Student Gov. Assn.	Chad Case	862.8232

Bass Club	Jason Campbell	862.8357
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Diversity Club	Sheree Lence	620.5036
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5258
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5238
Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5324
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
MOSA	Robin Phillips	620.5222
NCF	Dr. Earnest Agnew	620.5208
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Betsy White	620.5033
	Lindsay Kinard	620.5043
	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Bruce Ingram	620.5362
SkillsUSA	Brad Crowder	620.5155
SGA	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
SPTA	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025

#### **RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

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FCA	Scott Nicholson	890.1100
Wesley Found.	John Foster	401.3863



#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & REMINDERS** April 23

Phi Theta Kappa

noon-1 p.m. Humanities 110 Fulton Campus

#### April 26 Communication Chiefs

12:15-12:45 p.m. Academic 105 Fulton Campus

## April 27 Phi Theta Kappa verification letter requests due

Both Beta Tau Sigma and Upsilon Sigma chapters

#### May 1 Phi Theta Kappa

noon-1 p.m. Purvis 109 Tupelo Campus

## Mirror pick up

Staff Reports

Distribution of the 2018 yearbook, the Mirror, is scheduled for all three ICC locations this week.

Times and locations include

**Fulton Campus** - Apr. 23-25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the cafeteria in the David C. Cole Student Services Building;

Tupelo Campus - Apr. 26 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Pavilion, but in case of inclement weather, Student Affairs;

Belden Center - Yearbooks are available from Becky Kelly, Kathy Parish Smith and Carrie Lindsey.



ICC Student Government officers for 2018-19 include, front, from left, Laura Buskirk, Fulton secretary; Ashton Martin, Fulton president; Jessie Collums, Fulton vice president; John Wilbanks, Fulton treasurer; back, Hunter Cox, Tupelo secretary; Devin Bennett, Tupelo president; Brandon Adair, Tupelo vice president and Abram Nanney, Tupelo treasurer.

## ICC students elect '18-'19 SGA officers

**ARDEN SPEARMAN** Staff Writer

ICC's students have selected

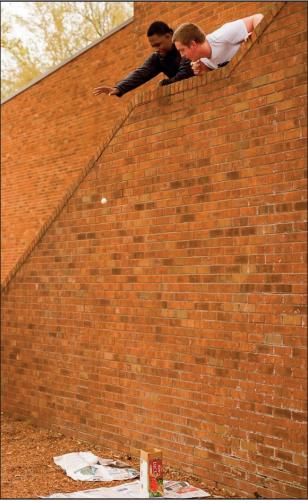
their leaders for 2018-19 through recent online balloting.

Fulton Campus officers of the Student Government Association are Ashton Martin, president; Jessie Collums, vice president; John Wilbanks, treasurer; and Laura Buskirk, secretary. Those who will lead the Tupelo Campus are Devin Bennett, president; Brandon Adair, vice president; Hunter Cox, secretary; and Abram Nanney, treasurer.

The new Fulton Campus officers have already begun planning or

thinking about activities for next year. Martin said he chose to run for the position because of his love for ICC. His many plans for next year include adding entertainment at the Student Activities Center and encouraging students to participate in intramurals. Collums hopes to work with her new SGA counterparts to create an even better atmosphere for students and faculty alike. Buskirk said she "hopes to create new and exciting student activities," and Wilbanks "plans to keep the SGA outstanding by bringing his ideas to keep the student body interested in everything ICC has to offer."

Those elected to lead the SGA at ICC-Tupelo have similar aspirations as those selected for the Fulton Campus. Bennett said that he knows that "having this bond will help them to all work together for the benefit of the students at ICC. All of the officers agree that they hope to keep the students at ICC-Tupelo more involved while on campus by creating intramural sports teams and student clubs as well as creating more seating areas around campus and even possibly updating the walls by adding new paint designs to increase or maintain student interest.



## Team Building

The members of Phi Theta Kappa's Beta Tau Sigma chapter at the Tupelo Campus participated recently in a team-building leadership activity, Saving Humpty Dumpty. They had to construct an egg catcher out of ordinary materials, then dropped the eggs from the Natural Science building to see which team's catcher was the best. It was part of ICC's Honors Forum curriculum.



## Want To Know More?

#### **FULTON CAMPUS**

Information on	Contact
Academic Honors	
Activities Calendar	Dr. Brad Bongs
Admissions/Records	Cay Lollar
Advanced Placement	
Athletics	
Band	
Books/Supplies	
Career Planning	Advisor/Advising Contor
Car Registration Decals	Adviser/Advising Center
Change of Adviser/Major	
Change in Curriculum	Advisor/Ctudent Affeire
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Alians
Counseling (Paragral)	Student Allairs
Counseling (Personal)Dr	. Brad Boggs, Chad Case
Course Placement	Dr. Michelle Sumerei
Evaluation of Credits	
Examinations	
Faculty Office Hours	
Graduation Req	
I.D. Cards	
Intramurals/Activities	
Library	
Log-Ins/PINs	
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Part-Time Jobs	
Placement Testing	
Publicity/Publications	
Registration	
Schedule Changes	
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Candace Thomas
Student Aid/Work Study	
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Student Organizations	
Summer School	Student Affairs
	Dr. Michelle Sumerel
Testing (Career)	Carla Rose
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	Jennie Cates
Veterans Affairs	Mandy Walker

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Advanced Placement Cred	litDr. Brad Boggs
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Career Planning	Adviser/Carla Rose
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	Student Affairs
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	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Carla Rose
	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
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Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Dr. Brad Boggs
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid office
Student Government	Cynthia Adams
	Chad Case
Transcripts	Student Affairs
	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid office

#### **BELDEN CENTER**

Basic Skills	Julia Houston
Continuing Education	Scott Blackley
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Dr. Joe Lowder



## PTK chapters elect 2018-19 officers

Staff Reports

Phi Theta Kappa chapters on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses have elected officers for

Officers of the Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus include Makaela Dickerson of Smithville, president, regional reporter; Matthew Burrows of Mantachie, vice president of scholarship; JoEllen Christopher of Guntown and Jake Watson of Amory, vice president of service; Becky Blanton of Hamilton and Jacie Rinehart of Saltillo, vice president of projects; Anna Gregory of Tupelo and Sam Herrington of Philadelphia, vice president of communications; Julie Lyles of Tupelo, vice president of leadership; Jessie Collums of Randolph and



Before PTK's Upsilon Sigma chapter's officer election, Arden Spearman outlines why she should be the vice president of public relations.

Suni Holloway of Amory, vice president of fellowship; Chase Crosby of Saltillo, Blake Price of Guntown and Ruthann Morgan of Tupelo, vice president of membership; and Arden Spearman of Pontotoc and Shauna McMickin of Tupelo, vice president of public rela-

Beta Tau Sigma chapter officers at the Tupelo Campus are Brandon Adair of Tupelo, president; Hunter Cox of Pontotoc, vice president of fellowship; Devin Bennett of Millport, Ala., vice president of leadership; Sandy Hernandez of Tupelo, vice president of scholarship; and Jared Smith of Tupelo, secretary. Additional officers for the Beta Tau Sigma chapter will be elected in the fall.



ICC's Baptist Student Union spent spring break at the Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp in Wasilla, Alaska, the fourth mission trip to that state in the past nine years.

## ICC's BSU "on a mission"

#### **ADRIAN STAFFORD**

Staff Writer

ICC's Baptist Student Union took missions to a new level during spring break, Mar. 9-14...a trip to Alaska, the organization's fourth in nine years.

The members helped set up the Laverne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp in Wasilla, Alaska for the coming summer. Their work included camp maintenance, painting and maintenance at Pioneer Baptist Church and maintenance and service as teacher aides at the Mat-Su School District, according to Chris Burrows, BSU sponsor.

It wasn't all work, though, for the "missionaries," since their recreational activities included such stops as the Hilltop Ski Area, Hatcher Pass National Park, Turnagain Arm Bay, Chugach National Forest Park, Chair 5 in Girdwood, moose spotting and snow sports.

Burrows said that there were four travel teams on two different airlines for 11-17 hours with assorted transfers in Tupelo, Nashville, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle and Anchorage.

Parts of spring break in Mississippi were cold, but Burrows said that Alaska was "mild for in the spring." Daytime highs were in the mid-30s, and the lows were in single digits. Two of the days it snowed, he said, and there was partial sight of the Northern Lights.

Chelsea Canerday was one of the travelers. "I learned that not every mission has to be what we make missions out to be," she said. "We did the behind-the-scenes stuff that nobody thinks about, and we will probably never see the fruits

that bear from it. Overall, I know deep down that we made an impact, no matter what."

Others who made the trip were Reagan Newton, OG Ausbon, Macy Cooper, Kelsey Minga, Hannah Covington, Haley McGill, Kristen Cockrell, Samantha Deaton, Karoline Jaggars, Ethan Foster, Matthew Burrows, Jack Wilson, Grayson Griffith, Dawson McCord, Spencer Payne, Adam Lindsey, Brian Comer, associate director Ray Manning and (Chris) Burrows.

Canerday advises that students who would like to make the trip next year to see Bro. Chris. "I would tell everyone that is interested to go to get out of their comfort zone and be in the moment. Don't be scared to try something new and drop everything for the One who created everything," she said.

## Your connection to ICC....













## FYI MAKE A NOTE OF IT

## **JUST A REMINDER...** Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information;.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

## **Review lockdown** procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, interim vice president of Student Services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immedi-

The procedures include:

- 1) Lock all doors and
- windows.
  - 2) Close all blinds.
  - 3) Turn off lights. 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as
- protection. 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from
- doors and windows.
  - 6) Make no noises.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives the ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

## Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

## Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 7:15 a.m. and from Tupelo at 8 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m. and Tupelo at 3:35 p.m.

#### No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at ICC, including loud music, yelling and screaming. Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

## **Attention!**

Campus Police officers are accessible at the following cell numbers for each location:

ICC-Belden, 662.687.2752

ICC-Fulton, 662.687.2750

ICC-Tupelo, 662.687.2751

Students, faculty and staff should note these numbers and utilize them for emergencies.





## **Information Sharing**

Top, Ole Miss representatives provide an in-depth look at Integrated Marketing Communications, one of the fastest growing degree programs at UM-Tupelo, during a lunch and learn session. Left, Ole **Miss Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter talks with** ICC students during a visit to the Fulton Campus recently.

## ICC picks cheerleader squads

#### **SAMANTHA LANGSTON**

Staff Writer

Sponsor Emily Lamb has announced the members of the 2018-19 ICC cheer squads.

The members of the co-ed squad include Zeke Camp, Kailyn Lackey and Anna Claire Tate, all of Mooreville; Tanner Carey of Tupelo. Marlon Sanders of Saltillo and Meredith McCullar of Pontotoc.

Those who are on the all-female squad are Becca Childers, Josi Hill, both of New Albany; Christian Green, Jasmine Mitchell, both of Tupelo; Jordan Harmon of Houston; Maddie Lindsey of Mooreville; Keyumber Market of Pope and Aerial Sanford of Batesville.

Gabby Smith of Amory will be

Chief Winnemaw.

"Making the cheer team made a dream come into a reality, and I can't wait to cheer for the Indians," Harmon said.

Sanders, who has been selected as captain, noted that he's looking forward to serving in that capacity. "I'm proud to do something that I enjoy one more year."



# Story

source and referral associate for ICC's **Early Childhood Academy reads to** children during the Parents & Kids Magazine-sponsored story time at the Mall at Barnes Crossing recently. -Photo courtesy of Gretchin Cook, **Parents & Kids** Magazine.

## ICC plans underway... 'We Proudly Serve Starbucks'

Staff Writer

"Meet me for coffee" will have a new meaning in Fulton and Tupelo for Itawamba Community College's students and employees, according to President Dr. Jay Allen in a recent email.

The Fulton Campus

will have a 'We Proudly Serve' Starbucks Coffee Shop inside the bookstore, Allen said.

Plans call for it to be operational by August after some minor renovations to the facility.

Allen said that the Tupelo Campus will also

have a 'We Proudly Serve' Starbucks Coffee Shop available in the new ICC bookstore which will be located in the academic and student services building, which is currently under construction.

Allen said that the

completion of the building is scheduled for late in the spring semester 2019.

"We hope that both campuses will enjoy this addition to our bookstores and that it will add to our sense of 'community' on campus," Allen said.

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## UPCOMING Music&Arts, etc...

#### April 24

Indians Got Talent Finale - 7 p.m. W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts auditorium

- Staff Reports -

# Three ICC students place in MCWA competition

Staff Reports

Three ICC students have placed in the Mississippi Creative Writing Association competition.

They include Telexus Miller of Greenwood Springs, first place - creative nonfiction for "The Note;" Tierra Hood of Fulton, first place - creative nonfiction for "The Day I Lost Hope," and Sloan Wallis of Saltillo, third place - literary essay for "Sin'bolism."

The awards were presented, Apr. 12, during the MCCCWA workshop at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

# ICC selects Indian Delegation for 2018-19

Staff Reports

Members of ICC's Indian Delegation for 2018-19 have been selected at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

The Fulton Campus members include Raina Boggan of Aberdeen; Addie Bridges, Layla Stevens, both of Belden; Madison Shelton of Blue Springs; Alli Coker of Ecru; Kayley Phillips of Fulton; Tucker Barber, Haley McGill of Guntown; Michael Harrison of Hamilton; Sara Grace Boggs of Mantachie; Olivia Patton of Mooreville; Torrance McIntosh of Okolona; Maggie Garrett, Caroline Sutton, Kassidy Young, all of Pontotoc; Lauren Heath of Randolph; Lexi Koonce, McKenna Lindsey, Emily Shaffer, Zach Turba, all of Saltillo; and Destiny Vaughn of Tupelo.

Tupelo Campus members are Taylor Carter, Hannah Scott, both of **Ecru**; Grace Kelly, Cailee Yielding, both of **Fulton**; Mattie Pettigo of **Guntown**; Jack Harlow of **Pontotoc**; Blake Boyd, Brooke Hawkins, both of **Saltillo**; Karlee Avery, Kasee Avery, Sandy Hernandez, Austin Knox, all of **Tupelo**; and MaryKate Harmon of **Vardaman**.

The Indian Delegation is a student recruiting team that serves as goodwill ambassadors for ICC. Members are involved in activities directly related to recruiting, orientation and public relations. Sponsors are Emily Tucker of **Guntown**, Fulton Campus; and Michael Holloway of **Amory**, Tupelo Campus.

## Sign up for ICC ALERT today!





ICC students view the work of their peers on display at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the Fulton Campus.

# Art exhibit features work of 80 students

Staff Reports

ICC's 2018 Student Art Competition will be on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the Fulton Campus through Apr. 30.

The exhibit includes more than 80 works of art in a variety of media ranging from drawings and paintings to sculpture and photography. It represents the outstanding quality of work being produced in ICC's Fine Art studio classes, according to Shawn Whittington, art instructor.

Artists included in the exhibit include Kaleb Jones, Zakiya Irons,

both of Aberdeen; Beth Myers, Olivia Grace Ausbon, both of Amory; Jacob Buse of Baldwyn, Madeleine Toole, Chasity Betts,both of Belden; Taylor Cash of Belmont; Seana Ricks, Taylor Lentz, Elizabeth Banes, Alec Comer, all of Fulton; Andrew Thomas of Golden; Dylan Sullivan of Houston; Anna Nolley of Myrtle; Rebecca Owens of New Albany; Nancy Garcia-Martinez, Morgan Henry, John Willis, all of Pontotoc; Blake Wigginton, Joseph Austin Kellum, Brianna Strange, all of Saltillo; Tyler Griffin, Reagan

Price, Elizabeth Jimenez, Holly Pruett, Tucker Harris, Cara Lowry, Sarah Roper, Nadia Sullivan, Allen Harris, all of Tupelo; and Wesley Edmundson of Vardaman.

An awards ceremony and reception is scheduled for 5 p.m., Apr. 30, in the lobby of the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays except for holidays.

For more information, contact Whittington at (662) 86208301 or email eswhittington@iccms.edu.





# Celebrating 15 years

Itawamba Community College's pop show group presented its 15th anniversary concert Thursday night at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus. Director Karen Davis, left, is retiring this year.



## CROSS CAMPUS

## **Tupelo PTK** chapter wins regional awards

Staff Reports

ICC's Beta Tau Sigma chapter has received multiple awards at the organiregional zation's conference at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

They included runner up for its regional project poster, "Improving High School Graduation Rates in Mississippi;" ninth in

its Honors in Action project: Rights and Responsibilities "Improving High **School Graduation Rates** in Mississippi;" Karla Morales, chapter president, Order of the Golden Key award; and Ira Lindsay Kinard, Paragon Award for advisors.

Three advisors and four chapter members attended the conference.

## Webb, Eaton join **ICC Board**

Staff Reports

Bonnie Jean Webb of Belden and Steve Eaton of Houston have joined ICC's Board of Trustees.

Webb replaces Ted Gordon, who died Mar. 18, and Eaton is filling the unexpired term of Chuck Carson,

who moved out of the district, through Apr. 30, 2021.

Webb, who is a retired high school English teacher, earned the bachelor's degree from MSCW and the master's degree from the Uni-

versity of Mississippi. Her activities are Harrisburg Women's Ministry Board, Sunday school teacher, Tupelo Reads committee, Tupelo Gar-

den Club, Mutual Culture Club, Saturday Reading Club and Peripatetic Club. Webb's honors have included Tupelo Star Teacher (three times), Mississippi Star Teacher, Tupelo High School Teacher of the Year and THS Academic Decathlon co-coach (state winner 17



**Eaton** 

consecutive years). She and her husband, Jerry, have two children, Trice and Tracey.

Webb

ICC alumnus Eaton is owner of Eaton Chevrolet, Buick, GMC in Houston. His civic and church activities include Sundancer Solar Car steering com-

mittee, Hebron Christian School board member, inactive deacon at Arbor Grove Baptist Church and past chairman of the Chickasaw Development Foundation (2007-11). He and his wife, Terri, have two children, Aubrey Love Eaton and Nickolas Loyd Eaton.



## **All-Academic**

ICC representatives who attended the All-Mississippi Academic Team luncheon, Mar. 28, in Pearl include, from left, Dr. Dr. Delena Hukle, Phi Theta Kappa Beta Tau Sigma Chapter advisor; Betsy White, PTK Beta Tau Sigma Chapter advisor; Lillian Salem, All-Mississippi Academic Team second team; Karla Morales, All-Mississippi Academic Team second team; Hunter Holley, All-Mississippi Academic Team first team, Coca-Cola Silver Scholar; Fields Ferguson, All-Mississippi Academic Team, second team, Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar; Robin Lowe, PTK Upsilon Sigma Chapter advisor; and Dr. Jay Allen, ICC President. Twenty students will be selected from the state teams for the All-USA College and Community First Teams. Sponsors are USA TODAY and PTK.

## Dorm checkout nears; follow these guidelines

**ASHLEY DANIELS** 

Staff Writer

At the end of the spring semester, residents students must turn their attention toward checking out of the dorms. Returning residents must also think about reclaiming their current room or claiming a new one.

To assist residents with the process, Andrea Senter of ICC's Housing office provides a few quick reminders:

- · All students must check out within 12 hours of their final exam, and the dorms will close at 5 p.m., May 8.
- Residents must schedule an appointment with their RA in advance to turn in their key and have the final room check.
  - The room must be

completely clean and barren of any personal items.

- · No trash may be left in the room.
- Improper check out or failing to turn in a key will result in an improper check out fine.

Senter said that reminders will be emailed to all residents.

Any students who neither claimed nor reclaimed rooms last week will not have a room in the fall. Senter said.

Sheffield Hall residents are reminded that under no circumstances will they be allowed to stay past the May 8, 5 p.m., cutoff time due to renovations beginning immediately. All instructions will be both emailed repeatedly to residents and posted on campus.



A resident assistant completes paperwork in this file photo.

## Smokeless tobacco users can become addicted; help available at ICC Fulton Campus

Staff Reports

Twenty-two-year-old Devan McFarland was 13 years old when he first tried snuff. By age 15, he was hooked. The terrible habit has stuck with him for years. He said his now daily habit started simply from hanging around friends that dip for

"My friends around me did," said McFarland. "So I did it,

McFarland isn't alone. High school males and Caucasians are more likely to currently use smokeless tobacco than females African-Americans. In 2016, 9,536 Mississippi public high school students were current users of smokeless tobacco,

and 19,071 tried it. Since 1998, the number of current smokeless tobacco users has not significantly changed, but those who tried it decreased by 46

Tobacco use is started and established primarily during adolescence. Because young people who use smokeless tobacco can become addicted to nicotine, they may be more likely to also become cigarette smokers. Although McFarland dips tobacco and stays away from cigarettes, his health risks are no better than smokers.

Smokeless tobacco is associated with many health problems. It can lead to nicotine addiction; cancer of the mouth,

esophagus and pancreas; increase risks for early delivery and stillbirth when used during pregnancy; can cause nicotine poisoning in children; increase the risk for death from heart disease and stroke; and is associated with other diseases in the

According to Amy Winter, director of the office of tobacco control at the Mississippi Department of Health, smokeless tobacco can cause gum disease, tooth decay and tooth disease. A lot of people think that just because it's not a cigarette, it's safer, but it's not. All tobacco products are harmful, addictive and can cause cancer.

Preventing tobacco use

among youth is critical to ending the tobacco epidemic in the United States. Flavorings in tobacco products can make them more appealing to youth. In 2014, 73 percent of high school students and 56 percent of middle school students who used tobacco products in the past 30 days reported using a flavored tobacco product during that

There is evidence that youth may be sensitive to nicotine and that teens can feel dependent on nicotine sooner than adults. There is a strong relationship between youth smoking and depression, anxiety and stress. Expectations of positive out-

comes from smoking, such as coping with stress and controlling weight are related to youth tobacco use...

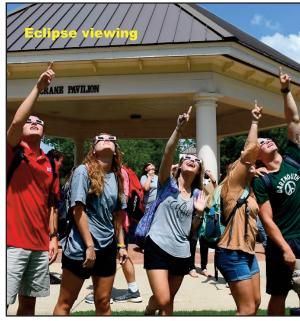
If you want to quit using tobacco, contact the Mississippi Tobacco Quitline 1.800.QUIT.NOW to receive free counseling and medications. For more information, visit www.quitlinems.com or contact the Mississippi To-Coalition bacco-Free Itawamba and Monroe Counties at (662) 321-1896. Helen Boerner is the director, and her office is at the Fulton Campus. can be reached at hboerner@frcnms.org.



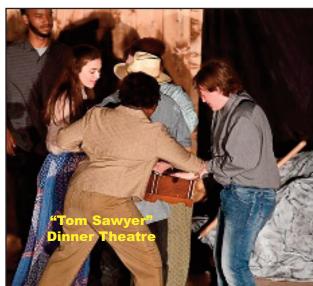














## 2017-2018 ICC...The Year in Review

















## ICC alumnus Ketra Armstrong to be commencement speaker

**MADELINE BURDINE** 

Staff Writer

Commencement quickly approaching

Approximately students will participate in two commencement ceremonies, which are scheduled for May 12 at the Davis Event Center at the Fulton Campus.

This year the two cere-

monies will be split according to the alphabet and not by degrees/certificates awarded as in the past. The 11 a.m. ceremony will include graduates whose last names are A-L, and the 3 p.m. ceremony, M-Z. Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science Degrees as well as certificates will be awarded at both cere-

The speaker for both ceremonies will be ICC alumnus and Tupelo native Dr. Ketra Armstrong of Ypsilanti, Mich., a tenured professor in the school of Kinesiology in the Department of Sport Management at the University of Michigan. She is also the associate dean for graduate and faculty affairs and co-director of the Michigan Center for Sport Management. Also an alumnus of Tupelo High School, Armstrong earned the Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University, where she also was an assistant professor and a tenured associate professor in sport management for seven years. She served as director of the graduate program in sport management at California State University, Long Beach for eight years.

Armstrong earned the A.A. degree from IJC in 1983 with a major in

Tupelo native and ICC alumnus, Dr. Ketra Armstrong of Ypsilanti, Mich., will deliver the commencement address at both May 12 ceremonies at the Fulton Campus.

physical education and a pre-physical therapy focus and both the B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Mississippi State University. She played for the Lady Indians basketball team and participated in

the All-Star game in 1982. Armstrong was inducted into ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame and will be inducted into the MACJC Sports Hall of Fame tomorrow night. Her honors at IJC included team captain (two years), Most Valuable Player (1982-83), Best Offensive Player (two years), All-State player (two years), MJCAA All-Star Game participant (1982-83) and recipient of Scholastic Award (1982-83). She transferred to Mississippi State from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, where she played basket-

A summary of Armstrong's professional appointments and positions includes professor, freelance sport journalist, assistant athletic director and head women's basketball coach (Columbus State Community College). She has an extensive list of professional honors and has been the presenter at numerous conferences.

A pinning ceremony for ICC's Associate Degree Nursing graduates will be at 6 p.m., May 11, at the Davis Event Center.

## ITAWAMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) college-parallel programs that allow students to transfer a maximum of two years of college work to four-year colleges and universities; 2) technical and career programs that prepare students for immediate employment; 3) continuing education and community service programs for individuals striving for personal growth and/or personal enrichment; 4) contributing to the needs of business and industry; 5) educational programs and services that meet the diverse needs of students including student development opportunities; 6) adult basic education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population; 7) current technology to advance educational purpose, including traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 8) strategies to encourage the improvement of relations and confirmation of programs with high schools, community/junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities; 9) development and implementation of activities that encourage and promote civic responsibility; and 10) programs of leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff.

Candidates for admission to academic, technical or vocational programs may be admitted by diploma students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units by successfully completing the high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some technical programs may have selective criteria for ad-

Itawamba Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, 38843, 662.862.8271,

Title IX Coordinator @iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilties available to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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## ICC annual golf tournament set for May 25, Big Oaks

Staff Reports

The Itawamba Community College football program will sponsor its annual golf tournament,

May 25, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Big Oaks Golf Course in Tupelo.

Cost is \$400 per team, which includes dinner.

In addition, sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information,

contact coach Sean Cannon at (662) 862-8117 or send an email to jscannon@iccms.edu.

## Registration continues for MSBC

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing for a day class option for the Manufacturing Skills Basic Certification program, which will begin May 7 at the ICC Belden

The class will meet

Mondays through Thursdays through June 19 from 8 a.m.-noon.

The program is designed to prepare stu-

dents desiring Forklift training is classes. to have a career in high-perfor-

mance manufacturing to be successful. Through this program, students use critical thinkings skills, update core skills and knowledge that will earn nationally-recognized credentials.

Developed to respond to core knowledge for the current and emerging industry sectors located within the north Mississippi region, the 94-hour program includes three national credentials - 10-

hour OSHA, the American Heart Association's CPR and the Career Readiness Certificate. Comprehensive

interactive part of the MSBC puter-based tools, experi-

> enced instructors and excellent reference materials create a valuable training experience.

> For more information or to register, contact TZ Waters at (662) 407-1526.

## Golf tournament to benefit Family Resource Center

Staff Reports

The annual Families First of North Mississippi benefit golf tournament sponsored by the Tupelo Exchange Club will tee off at 12:30 p.m., Apr. 30, at Big Oaks Golf Course.

The four-man scramble is an annual event, and all proceeds go to the Family Resource Center - Tupelo

Questions or participation requests should be addressed to Pam Morris and Stephanie Collier at the Family Resource Center, (662) 844-0013.

## **eLearning** Test Center hours

**TUPELO CAMPUS Advanced Education Center** Monday-Thursday (8 a.m.-7 p.m.) Friday (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

**FULTON CAMPUS eLearning Building Room 11** Monday-Friday (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

Walk-ins are accepted during center hours.

Sign up...for ICCALERT for emergency information.

curriculum.

## Bookstores prepare for buyback at Fulton, Tupelo campuses

#### **KENDALL TAYLOR**

Staff Writer

At the end of the spring semester, students can sell their books back to ICC's bookstores at specific times and locations.

Dates and times include 8a.m.-5:30 p.m., May 3 and 7; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., May 4 and 8. The locations are inside the bookstore in the David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus and outside the bookstore at the Student Services Building on the Tupelo Campus.

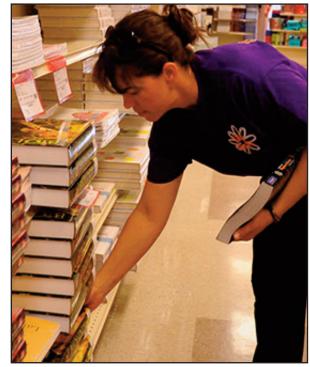
Instructions for book buyback include

1. A student ID or driver license is required, and the textbook must be on the student's schedule. A student cannot return another student's book. Copies of the schedule will be printed at the first station of the book buyback each time they visit. Once they receive their schedule and their visit has been recorded, they must sell the books selected at that time on that visit.

2. The school will only buy textbooks that can be used again next semester and that are in good, resalable condition. If pages are missing, falling out or torn or if the books have been wet, they are not returnable.

3. The school pays 50 percent of retail for all of the books they purchase for the bookstore, but they also purchase for a used book company for which they pay a wholesale

4. The money received is applied to the student's BankMobile account by the Business office. Students will receive their refund by whichever method they have set up (directly to the card or direct deposit).



Dana Timms straightens the shelves at the ICC bookstore on the Fulton Campus.



ICC Campus Police Chief Ricky Brasel follows Tupelo firefighters during a mock drill at the Health Science Education Center in this file photo.

## **ICC** ensures safety through planning, drills

#### **TONYA LIVINGSTON**

Staff Writer

College safety is an important consideration when parents send their students to college, according to Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Therefore, ICC is making sure that all faculty and students at all three locations - Fulton, Tupelo and Belden - feel safe.

Boggs said that each step of the mock drill process, which is one of the methods of preparation, is considered in advance at "tabletop meetings," which include fire departments, EMS, police and other

After the mock drill plan is established, Boggs said, it is the responsibility of the Community Relations department to disseminate the information to area media so that the public will be aware that it is only a drill.

Once all of the steps have been followed in the College's written plan, Boggs will send an ICC ALERT: Mock Drill, which is dispatched via email, phone or text to all of those who have signed up for ICC ALERT.

Boggs encourages all students, faculty and staff to sign up. The simple process includes accessing myTribe on ICC's website. www.iccms.edu. On the bottom. click ICC Alert, enter the username and password and follow the steps.

Boggs said that additional safety measures include the placement of customized emergency procedures posters in all college buildings and classrooms. "The poster has the campus police cell number. Each campus police office is given an ICC cell phone so that they may be reached 24/7," Boggs said.

Those numbers are (662) 687-2752, Belden; (662) 687-2750, Fulton; and (662) 687-2751, Tupelo.

## Finals begin next week; tips to prepare now

#### **ZOIE PEREZ**

Staff Writer

As the end of the spring semester approaches, most students are beginning to dream of warm summer days.

But first, there are the blood, sweat and tears that come with final exams.

To help students effectively prepare, Sherry Bennett, director of the student success/writing center, shares a few tips and tricks.

They include

- · Jot down right away what you don't want to forget.
  - · Preview the exam.
  - · Read directions thoroughly.
- · Ask your instructor if you need clarification for a question.
  - · Start with what you know.
- If the test has a mixed format, complete the multiple-choice questions first.
- Spend more time on the questions that count the most.
- For matching tests, cross out items after you use them.



Students in an ICC class pay attention to the instructor in this file photo. It's the time of year when last-minute preparations are being made for final exams and the conclusion of the final semes-

Also, websites such as Quizlet have proven to be very helpful when preparing for any test because they allow students to make their own practice tests.

Bennett feels that creating practice tests is the best advice that she can give to a student about studying. When studying for a test, she said, it is important to keep in mind that not all subjects can be studied in the same manner, so "you must apply different techniques to each course."

While all of these tips can be manipulated and individualized, Bennett said that it all boils down to the discipline of the student. "Without discipline, these tips are useless. Because the final exam makes up a large portion of the overall grade for many courses, it is important that all students take time to properly prepare for each test."

ICC offers a variety of learning resources such as the Writing/Student Success Centers and the Learning Resource Centers on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

Have you registered for the fall semester?





Liz Edwards, ICC liaison for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, shares information about the QEP, Read. Lead. Succeed.

## ICC integrates QEP into its curriculum

#### **EMILY FERGUSON**

Staff Writer

At ICC, the Queality Enhancement Plan is focusing on increasing students' reading comprehension.

Developed by ICC, under the leadership of Liz Edwards who served as the College's liaison for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Read. Lead. Succeed. was approved as the Quality Enhancement Plan. It is currently in the implementation stage.

A committee of ICC students, staff and instructors chose the QEP focus and began fine-tuning it over a 22-month period between October 2015 and July 2017. A college-wide vote in April 2016 selected the topic.

While the QEP is a necessary part of

ICC's SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation process, it also gives ICC students much-needed learning tools to improve their skills, Edwards said.

During the five years that the QEP is being integrated into the curriculum, reading comprehension will be a main focus in classes like general psychology, public speaking, English composition and principles of biology I.

This fall, biology will be the first to implement the QEP regulations, Edwards said.

ICC's site visit was last October, but the process is far from over since the College is still waiting for final approval from the SACSCOC board. Members will meet to review ICC's plans this summer. Edwards said that the College should receive a letter of confirmation for the accreditation that will cover from 2018-

Eventually, students who have completed courses that are the main focus of the QEP will be assessed to see if it has in fact increased reading comprehension skills and improved abilities.

Information on the QEP is available on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, which describes ICC's plan as "a blending of challenging academic study and meaningful work experiences along with an intentional focus on providing preparation for career and life experiences that involve both purpose and passion. Itawamba Community College exists to prepare students as exemplary and productive citizens who will make a difference in their communities and beyond review/self-regulation, accountability, by virtue of their ability, hard work and

humility of spirit."

SACSCOC is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees that awards associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees. It ensures the educational quality and improves the effectiveness of its member institutions. Its core values are integrity, continuous quality improvement, peer student learning and transparency.

## Honor students

Irijah Kinard assists 2018 freshmen with class selection at honors orientation last week at the Fulton Campus. The special session was designed for students who scored 24 or higher on the



## ICC urges students to register for fall

#### **CLARK OWEN**

Staff Writer

Freshmen and other current students who plan to return to ICC in the fall are encouraged to register for classes before the spring semester ends.

If students don't register and pay fees by the end of the day on Aug. 2, they will have to participate in open registration which is scheduled for Aug. 9-10 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. in the office of the Registrar/Admissions in the Admin-

istration Building on the Fulton Campus and in the Student Support Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Evening registration will be Aug. 8 from 4:30-7 p.m. and Aug. 9 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Tupelo Campus.

Early registration will enable current students to have a better selection of classes and instructors.

For more information, contact the Admissions office at either the Fulton or Tupelo campus.

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without taking any more classes.

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Congratulations, graduates!

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## ICC softball ranked No. 4; skyrockets into national spotlight

#### **ADAM GORE**

Sports Information

After starting the season unranked, the ICC softball team skyrocketed into the national spotlight after sweeping No. 1 Jones County Junior College to earn the program's highest-ever ranking at the No. 4 spot the week of Apr. 15 in the National Junior College Athletic Association DII softball poll.

Other MACJC teams joining the Indians in the rankings include No. 6 Jones County, No. 15 East Central and No. 19 Northeast.

Des Moines Area, which beat ICC during spring break in a pair of one-run games, took

over the No. 1 spot in the coun-

Last week the Indians held the top spot in the conference holding the head-to-head tiebreaker over Jones County with doubleheaders against Coahoma Community College and Meridian Community College left on the schedule.

The MACJC Best-of-Three series is scheduled for Friday and Saturday. If the Indians earn the regular season conference championship and win their Best-of-Three series, they will host the MACJC State Tournament in Fulton, May 4-6, in



ICC softball player Meg Sullivan celebrates with her teammates.

**ICC Lady Indians** 

**Shaniyah Buford** 

Lauren Fitch,





## Three Lady Indians earn postseason honors

#### **ADAM GORE**

Sports Information

Itawamba Community College women's basketball players Lauren Fitch, Shaniyah Buford and Constance Dunn were honored with postseason accolades for their performances during the 2017-18 sea-

Fitch was named first-team Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges North Women's All-State and National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region.

The five-foot-four sophomore point guard from Decatur, Ala. averaged 13.4 points, 4.4 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game in her final season in Fulton. She had a seasonhigh in points (28) and rebounds

(10) at Coahoma Feb. 12 and scored in double figures in 14 games this season. Fitch dished out a seasonbest 10 assists at Wallace-Selma Nov. 27 and had six or more assists in eight games.

Fitch was also selected to participate in the MACJC All-Star game. She scored 14 points and grabbed three rebounds while dishing out four assists to help lead the North All-Stars to a 76-74 victory and earned the game's most valuable player honor.

Buford, a five-foot-nine freshman guard from Abbeville, averaged a team-high 15 points while adding 4.4 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game to earn first-team MACJC North Women's All-State. She had a

season-high in points (27) and rebounds (10) against Southern-Shreveport on Dec. 9 and scored in double figures in 16 of the 21 games she played.

Dunn, a five-foot-eight sophomore guard from Fulton, was an honorable mention selection on the MACJC North Women's All-State team. She averaged 8.4 points and 3 rebounds per game. Dunn scored a season-high 21 points against Northwest on Feb. 22 and scored in double figures seven times this season. She had a season-high nine rebounds against Wallace-Selma on Nov. 2 and at Northwest on Jan. 27.

The Indians finished 14-8 on the season and advanced to the quarterfinals of the MACJC tournament.

and Constance Dunn, all have been honored with All home football games postseason accoon Thursday nights... this fall

# Finish strong

Time is winding down for this school year.

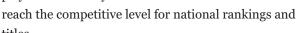
Everyone who has made it this far is ready for the semester to be over and to bring on the summer!

With only a couple of weeks left for classes, we (students) begin to get very relaxed. We use more of our absences, care a little less about our grades, or simply just don't do some of our work because we are content with the grades we have now, and our drive to succeed has somewhat gone away.

As the last days approach, we should strive to give it all to finish the semester strong. What's a better feeling than to leave for the summer with good grades? We have to go to class, do our work and study hard to finish because that's what we should strive to do. We get up and go to class because our educational goals are important. We're here at ICC to take the next step toward our careers and prepare for real world experiences.

If our minds stray, we have to find a way to steer us back on track. This year has been tough at some point for all of us, but we must not let that stop us from finishing the semester with our best efforts.

It's the same with our athletes who are "in the hunt" for a championship. They must play as well as they did to



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**Mathews** 

Commentary

ICC has brought me very close to a lot of people...athletes, band members and just regular students. I feel like they are family now even though I've known them for just two years. I know that I can call on any of them, and they'll help me study no matter the time of day.

I also believe that almost all of you have similar situations...friends to whom you can reach out as "study buddies" so that you can finish the semester strong.

You don't have to do it alone. ICC offers resources to help.

Our baseball, softball, golf and tennis teams are able to manage playing an extensive schedule but continuing to be on top of their game in the class room as well.

So, it should be no different for us.

We should study hard, pass those exams and close this chapter in our lives. ICC is preparing us for the rest of the pages of our life book.

We **can** do it!





# Action-packed Spring







## ICC golf season ends

Staff Reports

ICC's golf season ended Apr. 13 when the Indians failed to make the cut at the 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association District D championship after finishing fifth in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges championship tournament at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Philadelphia.

The Indians finished 10 strokes behind host East Central Community College for the final spot in the district championship after totaling 630 for the two-day tournament.

Brandon Walker and Cameron Foster qualified for the District D championship, Apr. 28-29 in Columbus.

# Halums named to NJCAA All-America second team

Staff Reports
ICC sophomore
guard/forward Brian
Halums of Simmons was
named to the National
Junior College Athletic
Association Division I
Men's Basketball AllAmerica Second Team,
Apr. 9.

Halums led the MACJC and finished tied for 37th in the country in scoring at 19.6 points per game. He also led the team with 8,3 rebounds and 1.1 blocks per game.

The Ole Miss signee scored 20 or more points in 11 contests this season, including a career-high 41 against Southern Shreveport, Dec. 9, and reached double-digits in 17 games. Halums finished his final season in Fulton with nine double-doubles on the year with a season-high 14 rebounds at Northwest Jan. 29.

Halums is the second ICC men's basketball player to be selected as an All-American in the past five seasons. He was the top vote-getter on the NJCAA All-Region team.

In addition, Halums earned first-team MACJC All-State and NJCAA Region honors.



Brian Halums

## Olivia Burns MACJC Pitcher of the Week

ICC freshman Olivia Burns was named MACJC Pitcher of the Week for her performances against Holmes Community College and Southwest Mississippi Community College the last week in March.

Burns had a career-high seven strikeouts and tossed a none-hitter to record her third shutout of the season in the Indians' game two win over Southwest.

### Bailie Springfield MACJC Pitcher of the Week

For the third time this season, sophomore Bailie Springfield was unanimously selected as the MACJC Pitcher of the Week.

Springfield tossed 8 shutout innings for a 3-0 week. She had 16 strikeouts and only gave up seven hits and two walks to help the nationally-ranked Indians improve to 22-6 and 13-1 inside conference play.

### Houston Harding MACJC Pitcher of the Week

ICC freshman Houston Harding of Walls was named MACJC Pitcher of the Week, Mar. 27.

He earned the weekly honor with his complete game shutout of

Meridian Community College.

The lefthander struck out a career-high 14 while holding the No.
19 Eagles to six hits to help the In-

dians to a 5-0 win.

With the win, Harding improved to 5-0 for the season.

## COMING UP IN ICC ATHLETICS...

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## BASEBALL

Apr. 24 @ MS Delta 1 p.m. Apr. 28 @ Co-Lin 2 p.m. May 2 @ East MS 4 p.m. May 5 @ Hinds 2 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

Apr. 24 Southwest TN 4 p.m. Apr. 27 MACJC TBA Apr. 28 MACJC TBA

## FOOTBALL

Aug. 30 @ Pearl River 6 p.m. Sept. 6 East Central 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 East Mississippi 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20@ Coahoma 7 p.m. Sept. 27 Northeast 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 @Holmes 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 @MS Delta 2:30 p.m. Oct. 18 Southwest (HC) 6:30 p.m. Oct. 25 Northwest 6:30 p.m.

# Support the Indians!















#### Monday, April 23

**Zorb Racing Air Raid Archery Intramural Gym** 2-8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 24

Cookout **Crane Pavilion** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### **Indians Got Talent**

Fine Arts Auditorium 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 25

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament **Intramural Gym** 2 p.m.

## Bingo

**Student Activities Center** 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 26

**Hungry Hippo Intramural Gym** 3-5 p.m.

## **Glow Stick Capture the Flag**

**Intramural Fields** (behind the softball field) 8 p.m.

#### Friday, April 27

Cookout **Crane Pavilion** 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

## **Activities for all...** Join the fun!

T-shirts on sale in Student Affairs... Fulton and Tupelo











## Win \$50! Find the Lost Indian.

TUPELO CAMPUS

Clues are posted daily on the Student Activities Center bulletin boards in each building and on ICC's website.

First clue...April 23...10 a.m.

## Monday, April 23

## Bingo

**Student Support Center Student Affairs Presentation Room Great Prizes...Refreshments** noon

## **Voter Registration Drive**

Cafeteria outside hallway 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 24

**Cake Walk Pavilion** 12:10 p.m.

## **Voter Registration Drive**

Cafeteria outside hallway 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 25**

## Movie

**Student Support Center Student Affairs Presentation Room** Refreshments Noon

#### Thursday, April 26

## **Lip Sync Contest**

First Place - \$75 Second Place - \$50 Third Place - \$25 Fourth Place - \$15 (Sign up in Student Affairs.)

### **Club-Sponsored Games Free Food/Snow Cones**

**Pavilion** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs!

## Friday, April 27

## **Career Boot Camp Student Affairs**

**Presentation Room Box Lunches** (while they last) Noon-3 p.m.

## **Presentation** Noon-12:30 p.m.

**Mock Interviews** 12:30-3 p.m.

**Resume Critique** 12:30-3 p.m.

